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2012 Ryder Cup Comes to DuPage County

Oak Brook, IL – The DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) is proud to announce that the PGA Ryder Cup is coming to DuPage County. The 39th annual event will be held at Medinah Country Club on September 25 – 30, 2012. This is the first time that this prestigious golf event will take place in Illinois.

Spanning over 81 years, the [Ryder Cup](#) is among the last great professional sporting events where winning rather than prize money is its own reward. The competition was born in 1927, when enterprising English seed merchant Samuel Ryder commissioned the casting of the gold chalice that bears his name. The U.S. team handily defeated Great Britain in the inaugural matches in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Since then, the Ryder Cup has expanded to involve the finest players of Europe. Except for a span during World War II and following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks upon the U.S., the Ryder Cup has been held biennially with the U.S. and Europe alternating as host.

[Medinah Country Club](#) stands to be an exciting venue for this event, having seen its own share of memorable moments over its 60 years of hosting major championship golf.

“We are pleased to be bringing this event to Illinois and the Medinah Country Club for the very first time,” states Michael Belot, Ryder Cup Director for The PGA of America. “The DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau has been a great partner for us in providing assistance with area information and accommodations for golf enthusiasts coming to DuPage County.”

Skip Strittmatter, Executive Director of the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau, adds: “We are thrilled to be hosting this premiere golf event in DuPage County. DuPage has much to offer both the players and spectators, and we look forward to helping make their time here exciting and memorable.”

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The DuPage CVB has partnered with the PGA to provide [online hotel reservations](#) for Ryder Cup visitors to DuPage County through the official PGA site. Information on restaurants and attractions, and assistance with planning itineraries, site visits and reserving meeting or reception space in DuPage County is available through the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800.232.0502 or by visiting [DiscoverDuPage.com](#).

Related Links:

- PGA Ryder Cup 2012 - www.rydercup.com/2012/
- Ryder Cup Accommodations - www.rydercuphotels2012.com/
- DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau: www.discoverdupage.com
- Ryder Cup at Medinah Country Club: www.medinahcc.org/2012-Ryder-Cup-516.html

About DuPage County & DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau

DuPage County is the second most populous county in Illinois after Cook County, which borders it to the north and east. Together, the two counties account for half of the state's population. One of the nation's wealthiest counties, DuPage is rich in many types of commerce and is second only to Cook in tourism revenue. With its well-developed highway and mass transit system, DuPage is easily accessible from O'Hare and Midway Airports as well as the City of Chicago.

Established through the efforts of a coalition of DuPage area hotel executives and business representatives in 1987, the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau was formally certified in 1989 by the State of Illinois. It remains the official agency to promote the county's multi-billion dollar tourism industry and market DuPage County as a destination for visitors, conventions and economic development.

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